

# ANNEX B

## Fire and Rescue Mutual Aid Operations

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## GENERAL

### Introduction

This annex is created and intended to be an integral part of the San Diego County Operational Area (OA) Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) and the current State of California Fire and Rescue Emergency Mutual Aid Plan. In addition, it identifies the implementation procedures for mutual aid and other support.

In keeping with the “all-hazards” capabilities expected of fire service agencies, an effective EOP must include provisions for, but not be limited to, fire and rescue operations, earthquake, floods, civil disturbance, riots, acts of terrorism, industrial accidents, hazardous material incidents, mass casualty incidents, and air and water pollution.

### Intent

No single community or agency has sufficient resources to cope with all emergencies for which the potential exists. This annex is designed to meet the anticipated needs of local agencies within pre-designated response zones, to access resources of adjacent agencies within the OA, and to access the resources of other jurisdictions within Region VI, or beyond if necessary, to meet the needs during emergencies.

### Purpose

- To provide for the systematic mobilization, organization and operation of fire and rescue resources within each sub-regional response zone of the OA and to mitigate the effects of any disaster whether natural or man-caused.
- To provide a comprehensive and compatible plan for expediting the mobilization and response of available fire and rescue resources on a local, OA, regional or statewide basis.

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

**Annex B is devoted to Fire and Rescue Operations. Any fire department can request assistance from other fire departments throughout the county simply by requesting those assets from the Operational Area (OA) Fire and Rescue Coordinator (California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection), also known as CAL FIRE.**

**The OA Fire and Rescue Coordinator is responsible for coordinating Mutual Aid requests and assignments. He/she is able to request strike teams and other resources from fire departments within the OA and fire departments throughout the State of California.**

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- To provide for an annually updated fire and rescue inventory of all personnel, apparatus and equipment in the OA.
- To provide a plan for the interchange and dissemination of fire and rescue-related data, directives, and information between fire and rescue officials of local, OA, region, State and Federal agencies.
- To identify the resources necessary for locating and removing endangered, trapped, injured, or isolated persons and providing adequate care.
- To minimize loss of life, subsequent disability, and human suffering by ensuring timely and coordinated firefighting and search and rescue efforts.
- To promote annual training and/or exercises between plan participants.

### Scope

To represent all facets of local, rural, tribal and metropolitan fire departments, districts, their interactions with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE), and federal fire agencies (United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)-Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), etc.). Its stakeholders are primarily responsible for fire protection and urban search and rescue programs throughout the OA. The activities of its stakeholders are conducted in all locations and settings including metropolitan, rural, wildland/urban interface, remote areas, airports, military bases, and private enterprise. Many of the county stakeholders also conduct such activities as Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and hazardous material control and other emergency services that require close coordination between the County organizations and other emergency functions.



### Planning Basis

- No community has resources sufficient to cope with all potential emergencies.
- Fire and rescue managers must preplan emergency operations to ensure efficient utilization of available resources.
- Basic to California's emergency planning is a statewide system of mutual aid in which each local jurisdiction relies first upon its own resources.
- The California Disaster and Civil Defense Master Mutual Aid Agreement between the State of California, each of its counties and those incorporated cities and fire protection districts signatory thereto:
  - Creates a formal structure for provision of mutual aid.
  - Provides that no party shall be required to unreasonably deplete its own resources in furnishing mutual aid.

- Provides that the responsible local official in whose jurisdiction(s) an incident occurs requiring mutual aid shall remain in charge at such incident, including the direction of such personnel and equipment provided through mutual aid plans pursuant to the agreement.
  - Provides that the intra and inter-area and intra-regional mutual aid operational plans shall be developed by the parties thereof and are operative as between the parties thereof in accordance with the provisions of such operational plans.
  - Provides that reimbursement for mutual aid extended under the California Fire Service and Rescue System Mutual Aid Plan and the operational plans adopted pursuant thereto, shall only be pursuant to the State law and policies in accordance with the State Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) policies and procedures.
- Certain specialized types of fire and rescue resources may be considered outside of the mutual aid agreement by the responding agency and therefore may be subject to a pre-established agreement, which may be available only on a reimbursement basis.
  - Note: The United States Forest Service (USFS) is not a participant of the San Diego County Mutual Aid System. Therefore, all of their resources may fall into the category of “Assistance by Hire,” including all applicable administrative charges and use fees. Consequently, all local resources who may respond to a request by the USFS may also fall into the category of “Assistance by Hire,” which includes the use of the California Fire Assistance Agreement (CFAA).
  - The state is divided into six mutual aid regions to facilitate the coordination of mutual aid. San Diego County is located in Mutual Aid Region VI. Through this system, Cal OES is informed of conditions in each geographic and organizational area of the state and the occurrence of an imminent threat of disaster.
  - In addition to fire and rescue resources, this plan includes both public and private agencies with support capability and/or emergency responsibilities.
  - This annex, as part of the OA EOP, should be distributed to and discussed with management, command, operational, and support level personnel within each jurisdiction.
  - EOPs must be continuously reviewed, revised when necessary, and tested to encompass change and refinement consistent with experience gained through disaster operations and training and changes in resource availability.



## Whole Community Approach

The whole community concept is a process by which residents, emergency management representatives, organizational and community leaders, and government officials can understand and assess the needs of their respective communities and determine the best ways to organize and strengthen their resources, capacities, and interests. Engaging in whole community emergency management planning builds a more effective path to socioeconomic security and resilience. This annex supports the following whole community principles:

- Understand and meet the needs of the entire community, including people with disabilities and those with other access and functional needs.
- Engage and empower all parts of the community to assist in all phases of the disaster cycle.
- Strengthen what works well in communities on a daily basis.

In keeping with the whole community approach, this annex was developed with the guidance of representatives from the OA Cities and representatives from County departments, law enforcement, fire services, emergency management, the access and functional needs communities, and various other local stakeholders. The effectiveness of the emergency response is largely predicated on the preparedness and resiliency of the community.



### Community Resiliency Consists of Three Key Factors:

1. The ability of first responder agencies (e.g. fire, law and EMS) to divert from their day-to-day operations to the emergency effectively and efficiently.
2. The strength of the emergency management system and organizations within the region, to include EOC's, mass notification systems and communication systems.
3. The civil preparedness of the region's citizens, businesses and community organizations.

Focusing on enhancing all three of these components constantly focuses the OA on improving the region's resiliency.



## CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

### System Overview

The fire and rescue mutual aid defined in this annex is rendered pursuant to the California Master Mutual Aid Agreement and is based upon an incremental and progressive system of mobilization. Mobilization plans have been based upon the concept of providing fire-rescue entity sufficient resources, without extraordinarily depleting fire and rescue defenses outside of the area of disaster.

Under normal conditions, fire rescue mutual aid plans are activated in ascending order starting with local, OA, region, and inter-region. In certain circumstances mobilization of significant fire and rescue forces from within the area or region of the disaster may be impractical and imprudent. Inter-regional mutual aid is, therefore, not contingent upon mobilization of uncommitted resources within the region of the disaster.

#### Local Fire and Rescue Resources:

Local fire and rescue resources include resources available through automatic and/or day-to-day mutual aid agreements with neighboring jurisdictions. Local mobilization plans are activated by requests to participating agencies and must provide for notification of the OA Fire and Rescue Coordinator upon activation. The OA Fire and Rescue Coordinator shall be notified of those committed resources in order to determine resource availability for subsequent response.



#### Operational Area Fire and Rescue Resources:

OA Fire and Rescue resources are those which are made available to a participating agency through the approved and adopted OA Fire and Rescue Emergency Mutual Aid Plan. Mobilization of OA resources is activated by the OA Fire and Rescue Coordinator, or his representative, in response to a request for assistance from an authorized fire and rescue official of the participating agency in need. The OA Fire and Rescue Coordinator must notify the Regional Fire and Rescue Coordinator of area resources committed. Following are the general terms of the San Diego County Mutual Aid Agreement:

- All mutual aid provided under this agreement will be without expectation of reimbursement for the duration of the incident so long as no out of county resources which are being reimbursed are assigned to the incident.
- Once an out of county resource eligible for reimbursement is assigned to the incident, any mutual aid resources provided by OA agencies will be

eligible for reimbursement from the time of their original assignment to the incident.

Regional fire and rescue defense resources include all resources available to a participating agency through the approved and adopted Regional Fire and Rescue Mutual Aid Plan. OA plans are significant elements of the regional plans.

In response to a request for assistance from an Area Fire and Rescue Coordinator, the mobilization of regional fire and rescue resources are directed by the Regional Fire and Rescue Coordinator. Regional Fire and Rescue Coordinators must notify the Chief, Cal OES Fire and Rescue Division, of resources committed.



Fire and Rescue Dispatch Centers must be adequately equipped for emergency operations. They should be located in a facility which conducts 24-hour a day operations, and must be equipped to permit direct communications with all fire and rescue service agencies within their area of operations. They must be staffed with competent personnel and equipped with such maps, charts, records and operational data as are necessary to perform emergency operations. Alternate Fire and Rescue Dispatch Centers should have the same capability as primary centers, thus ensuring continued operations in the event of failure of the primary centers.

## ORGANIZATION AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The organization and assignment of responsibilities section establishes the organizations and agencies that will be relied upon to respond to a disaster or emergency situation. This section also includes tasks that these organizations and agencies are expected to perform. See Appendix I for specific resource and agency lists.

### Responsibilities of Local Agency

- Reasonably exhaust local resources before calling for outside assistance.
- Render the maximum practicable assistance to all emergency stricken communities, under provisions of the San Diego County Fire Mutual Aid Agreement.
- Upon request, will provide a current annual inventory of all fire department qualified personnel, apparatus and equipment to the OA Fire and Rescue Coordinator through the California Fire Inventory Records System.
- Provide for receiving and disseminating information, data and directives.
- Coordinate and conduct necessary training to adequately perform functions and responsibilities during emergencies.

- Provide resources consistent with standards identified in the Field Operations Guide (ICS 420-1) and the National Incident Management System (NIMS).

### **Responsibilities of the Fire and Rescue Administrator**

The Fire Chief, or senior fire and rescue official by other designated title of each local entity providing public fire protection, will serve as fire and rescue representative to their respective zone fire and rescue coordinator.

The Fire Chief in whose jurisdiction the incident occurs shall request their dispatch center to contact the Zone Coordinator to respond with mutual aid assistance. Whenever the incident is, or potentially will be, beyond the capabilities of that local agency, the requesting agency should specify the exact resources needed. This resource is generally provided by a request for designated resources by type with a specific capability. When there is a need for specialized equipment, the procedural request should still be made through the Zone Coordinator. The responsibilities of the Fire and Rescue Administrator are as follows:

- Directs all action toward stabilizing and mitigating the emergency including controlling fires, saving lives, safeguarding property and assisting other emergency services in restoring normal conditions.
- Develops an effective emergency plan for use of the resources under its control and ensures that such a plan is integrated into the emergency plan of the OA of which the fire and rescue administrator is a part. This plan should include provisions for, but not be limited to, fire and rescue operations, earthquake, floods, civil disturbance, riots, acts of terrorism, industrial accidents, hazardous material incidents, mass casualty incidents, air and water pollution.
- Makes maximum use of existing facilities and services within each community prior to requesting assistance from neighboring jurisdictions.
- Conducts mutual aid activities in accordance with established operational procedures.
- During emergency operations, keeps the OA Fire and Rescue Coordinator informed on all matters.
- If receiving mutual aid, maintains responsibility for all logistical support of mutual aid personnel and equipment consistent with the State Mutual Aid Plan and any other local agreements.
- Prepares personnel and equipment inventories and forward copies to the OA Fire and Rescue Coordinators annually.
- Maintains an up-to-date schedule for alerting fire and rescue personnel in emergencies and a checklist of timely actions to be taken to put emergency operations plans into effect.
- Establishes emergency communication capabilities with the OA Fire and Rescue Coordinator.



- Anticipates emergency needs for such items as emergency fire equipment, commonly used spare parts and expendable supplies and accessories, and ensures functional availability of these items in locations convenient for ready use.
- When requesting aid will be in charge of all staffing and apparatus received. Requests for mutual aid will be directed to the OA Fire and Rescue Coordinator via the Zone Coordinator.
- Provides mutual aid resources when requested by the OA Fire and Rescue Coordinator to the extent of their availability without unreasonably depleting local resources.
- Maintains appropriate records, data, and other pertinent information of mutual aid resources committed.
- Provides approximate time commitment and justification of mutual aid needs in request for resources to the OA Fire and Rescue Coordinator. Periodically evaluates the need for mutual aid committed and notifies the OA Fire and Rescue Coordinator.

### **Responsibilities of the Zone Coordinator/Process for Changing Zones**

The Zone Coordinator is elected for a three-year term by the Fire Rescue Chiefs within a designated zone. Zones are established by the Fire Advisory Committee. (Reference: San Diego County Fire Mutual Aid Agreement) The criteria for changing zones can be found in Appendix I. Criteria to form a Zone:

#### **Geographic**

- No splitting of agency boundaries
- Take advantage of highway network
- Balancing of resources (relative to risk)

#### **Operational Efficiency**

- Most efficient access to mutual aid resources
- Distribution of resources
- Surge capacity
- Zone risk (wildland, high Rise, urbanization, etc.)

Local agencies requesting assistance from outside their jurisdiction, beyond existing Automatic Aid Agreements, will request their dispatch centers to contact their Zone Coordinator. The Zone Coordinator will then contact the OA Fire and Rescue Coordinator (Echo I). The Zone Coordinator should keep the OA Fire and Rescue Coordinator apprised of any significant changes in resource status

When notified by the local jurisdiction that their resources are inadequate to cope with the emergency at hand, the following steps should be taken:

- Activate local mutual aid plan.
- Notify the OA Fire and Rescue Coordinator.
- Request needed resources.
- Prepare to receive and utilize mutual aid requested/provided.
- For further details See **Appendix I**

### **Responsibilities of the Operational Area Fire and Rescue Coordinator**

The OA Fire and Rescue Coordinator is elected by the San Diego County Fire Chiefs for a three-year term. The Coordinator shall appoint two or more alternate Fire and Rescue Coordinators. The process for the election of the OA Fire and Rescue Coordinator can be found in The California Fire and Rescue Mutual Aid System – Election Process (Regional and OA Fire and Rescue Coordinators)



The OA Fire and Rescue Coordinator is notified:

- Whenever required resources exceed the capability of a particular zone
- When more than one jurisdiction is involved in mutual aid
- When the incident is within the area but beyond the resources of the jurisdiction in which it occurs

Zone Coordinators requesting assistance outside their zones beyond existing Automatic Aid Agreements, will request their dispatch centers to contact the OA Fire and Rescue Coordinator, who will then process the request and provide the closest available resources to respond. Resources will be dispatched using the criteria found in the categories listed in the Field Operations Guide, ICS 420-1.

- Organizes and acts as chairperson of an OA Fire and Rescue Coordinating Committee composed of the Alternate OA Fire and Rescue Coordinator. The alternates will be the Zone Coordinators from the OA. The committee may include others as deemed necessary by the chairperson. This committee shall meet at least once each year and may hold additional meetings as deemed necessary by the chairperson.
- The OA Fire and Rescue Coordinator, in cooperation with the OA Fire and Rescue Coordinating Committee, will:

- Organize staff and equip area fire and rescue dispatch centers in accordance with the principles enumerated in the California Fire Service and Rescue Emergency Mutual Aid Plan.
- Aid and encourage the development of uniform fire and rescue operational plans within the area.
- Aid and encourage the development of countywide fire and rescue communication nets operating on the approved fire frequencies for the county.
- Maintain an up-to date inventory system on fire and rescue apparatus and personnel within the area for use in dispatching. Compile and forward this information to the respective Regional Fire and Rescue Coordinator annually.
- Develop a dispatching procedure for all Cal OES fire apparatus, rescue truck, communication vehicles and other specialized resources assigned within the area.
- Provide fire and rescue coordination to the Director of the County of San Diego Office of Emergency Services (OES) or designated representative.
- Responsible to aid and assist local, region and state officials in planning, requesting, and utilizing mobilization centers as needed for staging strike teams and personnel where appropriate.
- During a “State of War Emergency”, shall report to the OA Emergency Operations Center (EOC) to serve on the staff of the Policy Group of the OA EOC. If necessary, an authorized representative may serve on this staff in place of the OA Fire and Rescue Coordinator.
- During a “State of Emergency” declared by the Governor, or as may be necessary, shall report to the OA EOC or such other location as directed by the Regional Fire and Rescue Coordinator. If necessary, an authorized representative may assume this duty.
- Will be responsible for coordination of all fire and rescue resources within the OA on major mutual aid operations.
- If the emergency is within the jurisdiction of the OA Fire and Rescue Coordinator and the emergency overloads the communication facilities, the OA Fire and Rescue Coordinator may assign dispatching of mutual aid equipment to an alternate fire and rescue dispatch center.
- Shall keep the Regional Fire and Rescue Coordinator informed of all operations.



- Evaluates requests for assistance from local agency and determines the resources from the OA which can provide the most timely assistance and initiates appropriate response thereof. Per Cal OES Operations Bulletin #1, the Cal OES Fire and Rescue OAs and Cal OES Fire and Rescue Regions are authorized to directly order/fill initial attack/immediate need engine requests with up to 5 strike teams or task forces from one adjacent Cal OES OA/ Region based on the closest resource concept

- Determines approximate time commitment and justification of resources issued to local agency, and length of time it will utilize these resources. Periodically evaluates the justification and commitment to the local agency of these resources and notifies the region.



- The OA Fire and Rescue Coordinator will advise the requesting jurisdiction of the origin of resources responding to the request for assistance.
- Shall notify and advise the Regional Fire and Rescue Coordinator, in a timely manner, of the need to establish mobilization centers and/or staging areas.
- The OA Fire and Rescue Coordinator is not responsible for any direct fire or other emergency operations accept those which occur with the jurisdiction of its own department, agency, etc. The local official in whose jurisdiction the emergency exists shall remain in full charge of all fire and rescue resources, staffing, and equipment furnished for mutual aid operations.
- The OA Fire and Rescue Coordinator along with the OES, is responsible for the update of this annex every four years.
- Keeps the Zone Coordinators informed of resource status within the OA.

### **Responsibilities of the Regional Fire and Rescue Coordinator**

- Organizes and acts as chairperson of the Regional Fire and Rescue Coordinating Committee, composed of Alternate Regional Fire and Rescue Coordinators and the OA Fire and Rescue Coordinators within the region. This committee may include others as deemed necessary by the chairperson. This committee shall meet at least once a year and may hold additional meetings as deemed necessary by the chairperson.
- Upon receipt of information of an emergency within the region, this may require regional mutual aid, or upon request of the State Fire and Rescue Coordinator, shall assume responsibility for coordination and dispatch of regional mutual aid resources.

- In cooperation with the Fire and Rescue Coordinating Committee shall:
  - Organize, staff, and equip a Regional Fire and Rescue dispatch center in accordance with the principles enumerated in the California Fire Service and Rescue Emergency Mutual Aid Plan.
  - Select and submit to the State Fire and Rescue Coordinator, the names of individuals to serve as its alternates at the Regional Fire and Rescue dispatch centers.
  - Aid and encourage the development of uniform fire and rescue emergency plans within the region, through the OA Fire and Rescue Coordinators.
  - Aid and encourage the development of countywide fire and rescue communication nets, tying CAL FIRE departments to an OA Fire and Rescue dispatch center.
  - Maintain an up-to-date inventory system of fire and rescue apparatus and personnel within the region for use in dispatching. Compile and forward this information to the State Fire and Rescue Coordinator annually.
- During a "State of War Emergency", the Regional Fire and Rescue Coordinator or the authorized representatives shall report to the Regional Emergency Operations Center (REOC), acting as Fire and Rescue liaison to the Cal OES Regional Manager.
- During a "State of Emergency" proclaimed by the Governor, or as may be necessary, the Regional Fire and Rescue Coordinator or the alternate will report to the REOC or other locations as directed by the State Fire and Rescue Coordinator.
- Is responsible for dispatching all Cal OES and/or CAL FIRE and rescue resources within the region on major mutual aid operations.
- If the emergency exists within the jurisdiction of the Regional Fire and Rescue Coordinator and overloads the communication facilities, the Regional Fire and Rescue Coordinator may assign dispatching of mutual aid equipment to an Alternate Regional Fire and Rescue dispatch center.
- Keeps the State Fire and Rescue Coordinator informed of all operations within the region.
- Evaluates requests for assistance from area and determines the region resources from that region which can provide the most timely assistance, and initiates appropriate response thereof. Determines if the timeliest assistance is from an adjacent region and if so, requests assistance from that Region Fire and Rescue Coordinator (not to exceed five engines or individual resources), and must notify the



State Fire and Rescue Coordinator of this action. When resources are needed from more than one adjacent region, either for timely response or when the need is beyond region capability, the request must be made to the State.

- Needs to request approximate time commitment and justification of resources issued to the OA, and length of time it will utilize these resources. Shall periodically evaluate the justification and commitment to the OA of these resources, and notify the State.
- The Regional Fire and Rescue Coordinator will advise the requesting area of the source of all assistance responding to the area.
- Shall notify and advise the State Fire and Rescue Coordinator, in a timely manner, of the need to establish mobilization centers and/or staging areas.
- Regional Fire and Rescue Coordinator will monitor and coordinate backup coverage within an area or region when there is a shortage of resources.
- Calls and conducts elections within the respective OAs for OA Fire and Rescue Coordinator. These elections will be held every three years and when a vacancy occurs or at the request of the State Fire and Rescue Coordinator. Communications and dispatch requirements will be considered in electing coordinators.
- The Regional Fire and Rescue Coordinator is not responsible for any direct fire or other emergency operations except those, which occur within the jurisdiction of its own department, agency, etc. The local official in whose jurisdiction the emergency exists shall remain in full charge of all fire and rescue resources furnished for mutual aid operations.
- Responsible to aid and assist in planning, utilizing, and requesting mobilization centers as needed for staging strike teams during mutual aid operations.

### **Responsibilities of the Chief, State Fire and Rescue Coordinator**

Cal OES, Fire and Rescue Division:

- Prepares, maintains, and distributes the basic California Fire Service and Rescue Emergency Mutual Aid Plan for coordinating statewide emergency fire and rescue resources which include, but are not limited to, all regularly established fire and rescue services within the state.
- Develops and maintains a "Fire and Rescue Emergency Operations Plan" and "Standard Operating Procedure" for the use and dispatch of Cal OES Fire and Rescue personnel, apparatus and other fire and rescue resources as necessary. Such plans shall be made available to appropriate levels of command; i.e., OA and Region Fire and Rescue Coordinators, dispatch centers, and CAL FIRE and rescue officials.
- Organizes, staffs, and equips the State Fire and Rescue dispatch center and alternate facilities necessary to ensure effective statewide coordination and control of mutual aid fire and rescue operations.



- Monitors ongoing emergency situations, anticipates needs, and prepares for use of inter-regional fire and rescue mutual aid resources, establishing priorities and authorizing dispatch.



- State Fire and Rescue Coordinator will monitor and coordinate backup coverage between regions when there is a shortage of resources.
- Consults with and keeps the Director of Cal OES informed on all matters pertaining to the fire and rescue services, and through the State Fire and Rescue Coordinator, keeps the California Emergency Council informed of current policy matters and proposed revisions in the California Fire Service and Rescue Emergency Mutual Aid Plan.
- Consults with and assists federal and other state agency representatives on all matters of mutual interest to the fire and rescue service.
- Coordinates fire and rescue emergency mutual aid operations throughout the state, both on and off scene.
- Assists state and CAL FIRE and rescue agencies in utilizing federal assistance programs available to them and keeps them informed of new legislation affecting these programs.
- Assists in the coordination of the application and use of other state agency resources during a "State of Emergency" or "State of War Emergency."
- Develops and provides training programs and materials for effective application and utilization of the California Fire Service and Rescue Emergency Mutual Aid Plan.
- Encourages the development of training programs for specialized emergencies involving fire and rescue services; i.e., radiological monitoring, civil disturbances, staff and command training.
- Calls for and conducts elections for Regional Fire and Rescue Coordinator. These elections will be held every three years or any time a vacancy occurs.
- Develops procedures for reimbursement of state and local agency expenses associated with assistance rendered during a major incident.
- Standardizes forms and procedures for the records required for response of Cal OES and/or CAL FIRE and rescue resources responding to incidents or OA coverage which qualify for reimbursement.

## DIRECTION, CONTROL, OR COORDINATION

### Authority to Initiate Actions

The OA Fire and Rescue Coordinator is notified whenever required resources exceed the capability of a particular zone, when more than one jurisdiction is involved in mutual aid, and when the incident is within the area but beyond the resources of the jurisdiction in which it occurs.

Zone Coordinators requesting assistance outside their zones beyond existing Automatic Aid Agreements, will request their dispatch centers to contact the OA Fire and Rescue Coordinator, who will then process the request and provide the closest available resources to respond. Resources will be dispatched using the criteria found in the categories listed in the Field Operations Guide, ICS 420-1.

It is the intent of this plan that the Incident Command System as developed by FIRESCOPE and as adopted within the Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS) and NIMS be utilized for the management of all emergency incidents. Qualifications required for each position within the Incident Command System (ICS) structure shall be approved as follows:

- 200 level certification and lower: Authority having Jurisdiction chief/administrator
- 300 level certifications: California Incident Command System Committee (CICCS),
- 400 level certifications: Region



Agencies are reminded that personnel must be properly certified and qualified to perform in the various ICS positions.

## INFORMATION COLLECTION AND DISSEMINATION

Each of the zones will provide their available resource status each morning to the OA Command Center. The OA Command Center maintains resource status once collected from each of the zones developing a report indicating resource availability and commitments, the completed report will be sent to each of the zones every morning. When significant resources are being committed or perceived as likely to be committed, the OA Fire and Rescue Coordinator will communicate via email, text or by conference call to the Zone Coordinators.

## COMMUNICATIONS

### System Overview

Communications at emergency incidents are managed through the use of a common communications plan and an incident-based communication center established solely for the use of command, tactical and support resources assigned to the incident. This includes incident-established radio networks, on-site telephone, public address, and off-site incident telephone/microwave/radio systems.

The control point for integrated communications in the field is Echo III, or alternate mobile communications vehicles such as the Sheriff's Mutual Aid Communications Van, regional inter-operable communications vehicles and RACES 1 (Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service). Echo III is a mobile command center, which is dispatched to the incident to assign and coordinate radio frequency use, as set forth in the Incident Command System (Ref. Field Operations Guide ICS 420-1).



The communications system used by all fire agencies within the OA is described in **Annex I: Communications and Warning Systems**.

This is a Mobile Command Unit which is dispatched to incidents in the field to provide communications links between on scene personnel and between the scene and the dispatch center. Upon its arrival, it will be utilized as the communications unit for the incident. There are other communication units available throughout the county, please refer to Annex I for additional information.

### Operational Area Notifications to the Zones:

It is understood that all agencies within the OA need accurate and timely information to ensure well informed decisions are made. To support this, the OA Fire and Rescue Coordinator or their alternate will strive to keep the zones updated on resource commitments occurring due to in or out of county incidents. Further, it is recognized that most agencies need this information before or by 0700 to ensure they have time to react before shift changes occur at 0800.

Conference calls will also be conducted on an as needed basis. The OA Fire and Rescue Coordinator will try to provide at least two hours advance notice of a pending conference call whenever possible.

There are two categories of notifications that will be addressed:

## 1. Notifications and Updates:

### Notifications:

- a. Significant impact to the OA: Assignments of Strike Teams (engines- LG, OES, CF and CF Fire Crews). This may include Initial Attack (IA) assignments but is focused upon extended commitments.
- b. Real time communications to the Zone Coordinators: These notifications will be made as soon as the information can be shared. Discretion will be exercised for late night notifications.

### Updates:

1. Advise Zone Coordinators of significant resource commitments. This should be done by 0700 on a daily basis until all resources have returned.

## 2. Conference calls.

Conference calls are intended to allow each of the zones to communicate directly with the OA Fire and Rescue Coordinator when significant resource activity is expected or occurring. The conference call is intended to be very brief allowing for input from each of the zones and the OA Coordinator. Refer to Appendix X for a template for use during these conference calls.

## System Capability

The current radio systems in place throughout the OA are designed to provide each fire agency with a Local Communications Net, Command and Tactical Frequencies and a County Mutual Aid Command Net.

The communication units are responsible for developing plans to make the most effective use of incident-assigned communications equipment and facilities; the installation and testing of all communications equipment; supervision and operation of the Incident Communications Center; distribution and recovery of equipment assigned to incident personnel; and the maintenance and on-site repair of communications equipment.

The Field Communications Unit (Echo III) has a major responsibility for effective communications planning, due to the potential multi-agency use of ICS. This is especially important in determining required radio nets, establishing interagency frequency assignments and ensuring that maximum use is made of all assigned communications capability.

To enhance the communications system, the following fixed facilities and mobile units are owned by the County (**note: many local jurisdictions in the OA have their own field communications units**):

### **Echo I:**

This Communication Center is located at the California Department of Forestry/CAL FIRE Headquarters at Monte Vista. This is the Primary Command and Control Center for the fire mutual aid radio system within the OA.

### **Echo III:**

This is a Mobile Command Unit which is dispatched to incidents in the field to provide communications links between on scene personnel and between the scene and the dispatch center. Upon its arrival, it will be utilized as the Communications Unit for the incident. There are other communication units available throughout the county, please refer to Annex I for additional information.

## **ADMINISTRATION, FINANCE, AND LOGISTICS**

Under SEMS, special districts are considered local governments. As such, they are included in the emergency planning efforts throughout the OA. The OA Emergency Organization, in accordance with SEMS, supports and is supported by:

- Cities within the OA
- The County of San Diego
- Special districts
- Other counties
- The State of California
- The Federal Government

NIMS provides a consistent nationwide template to enable Federal, State, local, and tribal governments and private-sector and nongovernmental organizations to work together effectively. NIMS also enables these entities to efficiently prepare for, prevent, respond to, and recover from domestic incidents, regardless of cause, size, or complexity, including acts of catastrophic terrorism.

Mutual aid, including personnel, supplies, and equipment, is provided in accordance with the California Master Mutual Aid Agreement, and other local Mutual Aid Agreements. More information about mutual aid is contained in individual annexes, appendices and attachments within this Plan.

The private sector is an important part of the emergency organization. Business and industry own or have access to substantial response and support resources. Community Based Organizations (CBOs) or Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) provide valuable resources before, during, and after a disaster. These resources can be effective assets at any level. OES has established the ReadySanDiego Business Alliance. The Alliance will have a virtual connection to the OA EOC via a social networking system fed through a RSS feed from WebEOC.

There are some City and County personnel who do not have specific task assignments. They are automatically designated by State Law as Disaster Service Workers (DSWs) during a disaster, and serve in the response effort.

- "All public employees and all registered volunteers of a jurisdiction having an accredited disaster council are Disaster Service Workers", per the Government Code, Title I, Division 4, Chapter 8, and Labor Code, Part I, Division 4, Chapters 1 and 10.
- The term public employees includes all persons employed by the State, or any County, City or public district.
- Other personnel including volunteers can be quickly registered by OES as Disaster Service Workers, which provides Workers Compensation and liability coverage.

OES maintains a list of pre-registered volunteers affiliated with volunteer organizations that have been signed up as DSWs.

It is imperative that local government maintain duplicate records of all information necessary for restoration of normal operations. This process of record retention involves offsite storage of vital computerized and paper-based data that can be readily accessible.

Vital records of the Unified Organization are routinely stored in records storage rooms at OES in printed hard copy form, on CD-ROM, and electronically. Computer records are routinely backed up and stored separately from the hard drives. All personnel records are stored by the County Department of Human Resources at several locations throughout the OA.

## **ANNEX DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE**

This annex is a product of the OA EOP. As such, the policies, procedures, and practices outlined in the OA EOP govern this annex. OES coordinates the maintenance and updates of this annex every three to four years, in accordance with the maintenance schedule established for the OA EOP. Record of changes, approval, and dissemination of the OA EOP will also apply to this annex.

Updates to this annex can be made before such time for multiple reasons, including but not limited to changes in policy/procedure, improvements and recommendations based on real life events or exercises, etc. Recommended changes should be submitted to OES at [oes@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:oes@sdcounty.ca.gov)

The OA Coordinator works closely with the Zones to develop and maintain the items contained in the annex. A committee will be developed to revise or update this living document. The committee will be made up of the OA Fire and Rescue Coordinator and Zone Coordinators or their delegates. The Zones will work closely with those they



represent to ensure that all considerations are made. When a final draft is completed, the Zones will distribute to the agencies they represent allowing for final review and support.

Items that are likely to change or need updating before the next planned revision of the annex are contained in the appendices to this agreement. If items in the appendices need to be updated, the zones will work with the OA Fire and Rescue Coordinator to update the appendices and share among all affected parties.

## **AUTHORITIES AND REFERENCES**

### **California Master Mutual Aid Agreement:**

An agreement made and entered into by and between the State of California, its various departments and agencies, and the various political subdivisions, municipal corporations, and other public agencies of the State of California to facilitate implementation of Chapter 7 of Division 1 of Title 2 of the Government Code entitled "California Emergency Services Act."

### **California Fire Assistance Agreement**

An agreement made and entered into by and between the Cal OES (Representing the California Fire and Rescue Mutual Aid System) and California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, and the five Federal Fire Agencies (USDA Forest Service, USDI National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, Fish and Wildlife Services, and Bureau of Indian Affairs) for the purpose of coordinating the use of and reimbursement for local government Fire and Rescue resources used at wildfire incidents.

- Reimbursement for mutual aid may be provided pursuant to a Governor's disaster proclamation or when conditions warrant invoking the Fire Assistance Agreement. There is no other existing provision for mutual aid reimbursement.
  - Cal OES shall be required to provide direction, ongoing guidance and monitoring throughout the process until reimbursement is received by local agencies.
  - Memorandums of understanding between federal, state and local agencies will not include a commitment of local resources without the express written consent of the local jurisdiction(s).
- The agency receiving mutual aid is responsible for logistic support to all mutual aid personnel and equipment received as described in the California Master Mutual Aid Agreement. Reimbursement for mutual aid may be provided pursuant to a Governor's disaster proclamation or when conditions warrant invoking the Fire Assistance Agreement. There is no other existing provision for mutual aid reimbursement.
- Cal OES shall be required to provide direction, ongoing guidance and monitoring throughout the process until reimbursement is received by local agencies.

## Policy Statements

OA and Regional Plans are required to be consistent with the statewide Master Mutual Aid Agreement and the California Fire Assistance Agreement. The following policy statements are applicable to this annex:

- The basic tenets of emergency planning are self-help and mutual aid.
- Emergency planning and preparation is a task, which must be shared by all political subdivisions and industries as well as every individual citizen.
- The California Fire Service and Rescue Emergency Mutual Aid Plan provides a practical and flexible pattern for the orderly development and operation of mutual aid on a voluntary basis between cities, cities and counties, fire districts, special districts, county fire department, and applicable state agencies. Normal fire department operating procedures are utilized, including day-to-day mutual aid agreements and plans, which have been developed by fire and rescue officials.
- Reimbursement for mutual aid may be provided pursuant to a Governor's disaster proclamation or when conditions warrant invoking the Fire Assistance Agreement. Provision for reimbursement may also be provided in local mutual aid agreements between local governments; in local agreements between federal agencies such as USFS and BLM with local government entities; or through other agreements that may, from time to time, be created and agreed to by responsible agencies
- Cal OES shall be required to provide direction, ongoing guidance and monitoring throughout the process until reimbursement is received by local agencies.
- Memorandums of understanding between federal, state and local agencies will not include a commitment of local resources without the expressed, written consent of the local jurisdictions(s).
- In developing emergency plans, provisions should be made for integrating fire and rescue resources into mutual aid organizations for both fire and non-fire related disaster; i.e., earthquake, flood, radiological defense, hazardous materials incidents, war/terrorism related sheltering and or relocation of significant portions of the population. In planning for war/terrorism related emergencies, provisions for pre and post attack activities should be included; i.e., shelter improvement, radiological monitoring and decontamination.
- In developing local mutual aid and emergency preparedness plans, provisions must be made for liability and property damage insurance coverage on apparatus and equipment used beyond the territorial limits of the political subdivision. Consideration must be given to the rights, privileges, and immunities of paid, volunteer, and auxiliary personnel in order that they may be fully protected while performing their duties under a mutual aid agreement or an emergency preparedness plan. Provision is made in state law to deal with these matters, and the procedure outlined therein should be followed to ensure maximum protection.

## ATTACHMENT 1

### Regional Urban Search And Rescue (USAR)

USAR involves the location, rescue (extrication), and initial medical stabilization of victims trapped. USAR is considered a “multi-hazard” discipline, as it may be needed for a variety of emergencies or disasters including earthquakes, hurricanes, typhoons, storms and tornadoes, floods, dam failures, technological accidents, terrorist activities, and hazardous materials releases. The USAR Task Forces are FEMA assets and are ordered through the Mutual Aid Process. Go to the FEMA website for specific information on USAR resources.

### Swiftwater Rescue Teams

Swiftwater Rescue Teams involve the location, rescue (extrication), and initial medical stabilization of victims trapped in swift moving and floodwater conditions. The teams are staffed, trained, and equipped following NIMS and FIREScope standards.

The teams in San Diego County can be mobilized for operations anywhere in the county. Each Zone Coordinator will maintain a current list of Swiftwater/Flood Rescue resources and will make the list available to the OA Fire and Rescue Coordinator.

If a team is needed and the requesting agency does not have their own team, the request is made to the Zone Coordinator through the zone dispatch center who will supply teams if the Zone’s teams are available. If the team is not available within the zone, the request goes to the OA Fire and Rescue Coordinator who will attempt to fill the request within the OA. If nothing is available within the area, the request will be forwarded to the Cal OES through the normal statewide mutual-aid system. OES/Cal OES has availability of additional Swift Water Flood Rescue teams and other regional resources throughout the state. For specific details regarding available resources, alert status, and current contact information for teams and technical specialists see **Appendix II**.

### San Diego County Firefighting Air Resources Programs

Within San Diego County aerial firefighting resources are provided by CAL FIRE fixed wing and tactical aircraft, the San Diego County Sheriff’s Department Type II and III helicopters, the City of San Diego Type II helicopters, the USFS Type II helicopter, and, through MOU’s with CAL FIRE, the Navy and USMC have Type I helicopters. Periodically, additional air resources become available for use by OA agencies (e.g.; SDG&E Type 1). For numbers of resources, types and aircraft descriptions, see **Appendix III**.

### San Diego County Rescue Helicopter Resources

Within San Diego County, aerial rescue helicopters are provided by: San Diego Sheriff in cooperation with CAL FIRE operates Type II with hoist (BLS), San Diego City has Type II with hoist (ALS), and United States Coast Guard (USCG) has Type I with hoist (BLS). For number of resources, types and description of ability, see **Appendix IV**.

### **Community Emergency Response Teams (Cert)**

Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) in San Diego County are trained to be able to support fire personnel in the time of a disaster within their communities. Each program is community based and sponsored by a local public safety agency within their jurisdiction. Each CERT program will respond within the scope of their training at the direction of their sponsoring agency. CERT members are identified by green vests and are registered members of the Disaster Service Worker (DSW) Program. For additional information please see **Appendix V**.

### **Technical Rescue Resources**

The technical rescue resources consist of, Mass Casualty Units, Confined Space Units, Trench Rescue Units, Heavy Rescue Units and Rope Rescue. These units are staffed by firefighters and stationed throughout the county. Resources should be requested through the local dispatch center. For resource type, location, and unit designator see **Appendix VI**.

### **Hazardous Material Response Resources**

The San Diego County OA Hazardous Materials Area Plan (Area Plan) describes the system currently in place in San Diego County for managing hazardous materials emergencies. The San Diego County Department of Environmental Health (DEH), Hazardous Materials Division (HMD) is the administering agency for the Area Plan.

The activities carried out by the HMD, Hazardous Materials Incident Response Team (HIRT), Military Hazardous Materials Team (Camp Pendleton) and OES to effectively manage hazardous materials emergencies are coordinated, in part, through the Area Plan. The Area Plan is designed to integrate the operational activities of San Diego County's Emergency Services Organization, Hazardous Incident Response Team (HIRT) into the on-scene operational procedures for the local, State or Federal agency who have primary responsibility for a hazardous chemical emergency in the jurisdiction. For Area Plan, see **Appendix VII**.

### **Other Resources**

It is recognized that fire agencies have support resources that are unique and although they do not belong in the other categories, identifying them will allow fire rescue agencies to be aware of assets within the region that can support their incidents. A couple of examples of resources to be found in this section include Rehabilitation Units and support equipment. For a list of resources, please see **Appendix VIII**.

## APPENDIX I: FIRE MUTUAL AID ZONES AND DISPATCH FOR COUNTY WIDE FIRE RADIO NETWORK SYSTEM

**\*800 MHz | #VHF**

<b>NORTH ZONE</b>	<b>DISPATCHED BY</b>
North County Dispatch JPA	Self *
Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District	North County JPA *
Camp Pendleton Fire Department	Self
City of Carlsbad Fire Department	North County JPA *
City of Del Mar Fire Department	North County JPA *
City of Encinitas Fire Department	North County JPA *
City of Escondido/Rincon Del Diablo Municipal Water District	Self *
City of Oceanside Fire Department	North County JPA *
City of San Marcos Fire Dept. /San Marcos Fire Protection District	North County JPA *
City of Solana Beach Fire Department	North County JPA *
City of Vista Fire Department/Vista Fire Protection District	North County JPA *
Elfin Forest Volunteer Fire Department (County Service Area 107)	North County JPA *
North County Fire Protection District	North County JPA *
San Pasqual Reservation Fire Department	North County JPA *
Rincon Reservation Fire Department	North County JPA *
Pala Indian Reservation Fire Department	North County JPA *
North County Reservation Fire District	North County JPA *
Valley Center Fire Protection District	North County JPA *
<b>METROPOLITAN ZONE</b>	<b>DISPATCHED BY</b>
City of San Diego Fire-Rescue Department	Self *
City of Poway Fire Department	SD Fire Rescue *
Miramar Fire Department	Self

Federal Fire Department	Self
City of Coronado Fire Department	Heartland Fire JPA *
City of Imperial Beach Fire Department	SD Fire-Rescue *
City of National City Fire Department	SD Fire-Rescue *
City of Chula Vista Fire Department	SD Fire-Rescue *
San Pasqual Volunteer Fire Dept. (County Service Area 113)	SD Fire-Rescue *
<b>CENTRAL ZONE</b>	<b>DISPATCHED BY</b>
Heartland Fire Communications (JPA)	Self *
Alpine Fire Protection District	Heartland Fire JPA *
Barona Fire Protection District	Heartland Fire JPA *
Bonita-Sunnyside Fire Protection District	Heartland Fire JPA *
City of El Cajon Fire Department	Heartland Fire JPA *
Lakeside Fire Protection District	Heartland Fire JPA *
City of La Mesa Fire Department	Heartland Fire JPA *
City of Lemon Grove Fire Department	Heartland Fire JPA *
City of Santee Fire Department	Heartland Fire JPA *
Viejas Fire Department	Heartland Fire JPA *
Sycuan Reservation Fire Department	Heartland Fire JPA *
<b>NO ZONE AFFILIATION</b>	<b>DISPATCHED BY</b>
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)	CAL FIRE #
United States Forest Service (USFS)	USFS #
<b>EAST ZONE</b>	<b>DISPATCHED BY</b>
Borrego Springs Fire Protection District	CAL FIRE *#
Campo Indian Reservation Fire Department	Heartland Fire JPA *
Deer Springs Fire Protection District (CAL FIRE)	CAL FIRE *#
Julian Cuyamaca Fire Protection District	CAL FIRE *#



Mesa Grande Indian Reservation Fire Department	CAL FIRE *#
Pine Valley Fire Protection District (CAL FIRE)	CAL FIRE *#
Ramona Municipal Water District (CAL FIRE)	CAL FIRE *#
San Diego Rural Fire Protection District (CAL FIRE)	CAL FIRE *#
San Diego County Fire Authority (CAL FIRE)	CAL FIRE *#
San Miguel Consolidated Fire Protection District (CAL FIRE)	CAL FIRE *#
Santa Ysabel Reservation Fire	Heartland Fire JPA*

NOTE: Federal installations may be included in any of the above zone

## County of San Diego Mutual Aid Zones

### Policy for Changing Zones

#### **There are four (4) Fire Mutual Aid Zones in San Diego County**

- North Zone
- Metro Zone
- Central Zone
- East Zone

#### **Procedure for Managing Zone Changes:**

The OA Zone Coordination Group will be the formal committee that will review and make final decisions on changes within the respective zones.

The committee will consist of the following members:

- OA Fire and Rescue Coordinator (Spokesperson)
- Alternate Area Coordinator(s)
- North Zone Coordinator
- Metro Zone Coordinator
- Central Zone Coordinator
- East Zone Coordinator

#### **Group Responsibilities:**

- Receive requests and resolve issues that may arise within the respective zones (zone changes, resource changes, etc.)
- The Coordination Group will review and weigh the operational merits of the request(s)
- The Coordination Group will vote to approve or disapprove the request
- The Coordination Group's decision is final
- Once a decision is made by the Group, the OA Fire Rescue Coordinator (or Alternate Coordinator if in the O/C position) will respond in writing to the requesting agency(s) and copy all OA Coordination Group Agencies

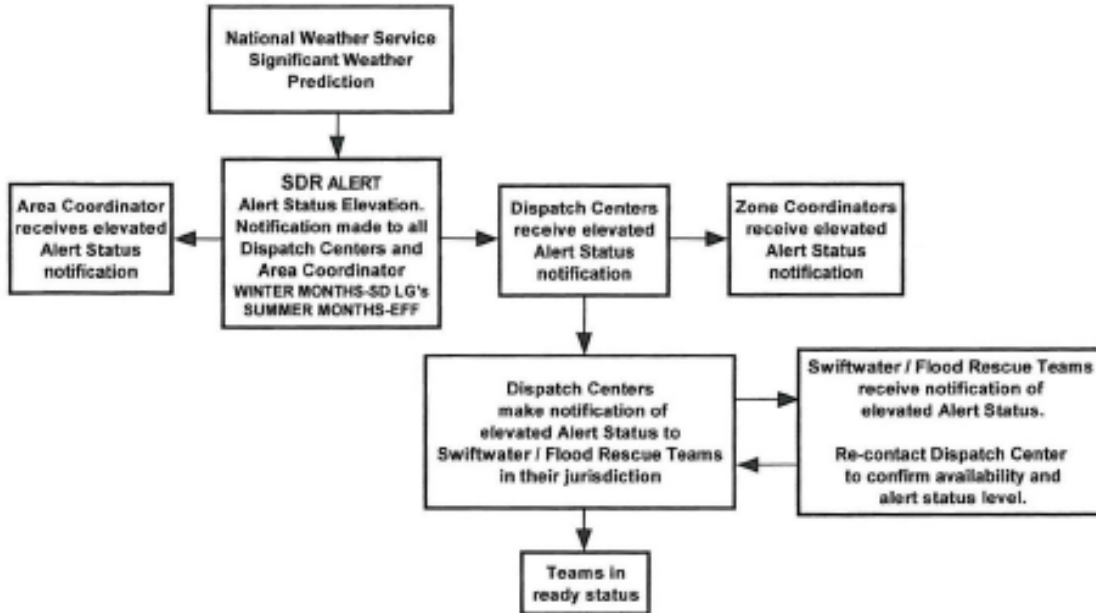
## APPENDIX II

### Swiftwater Rescue Resources

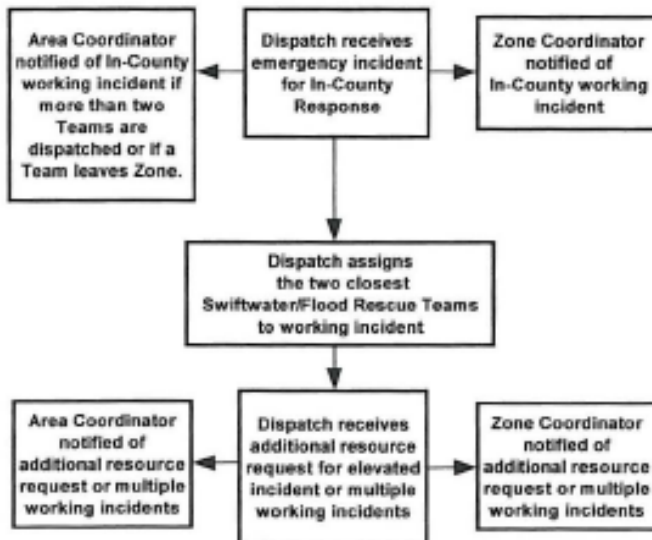


#### SAN DIEGO REGIONAL AQUATIC LIFESAVING EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM SWIFTWATER/FLOOD RESCUE TEAM ALERT STATUS FLOWCHART

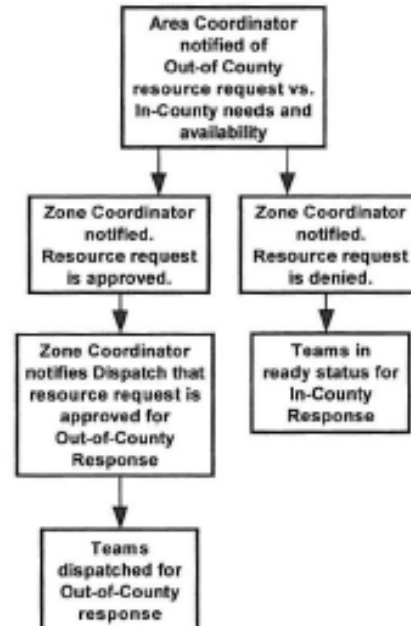
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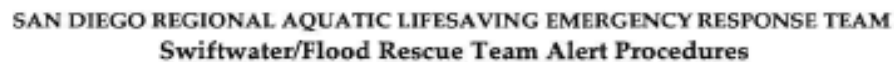
##### IN-COUNTY RESPONSE



##### OUT-OF-COUNTY REQUEST



SDR ALERT Flow Chart: 3-18-2006 qj



ALERT I

**Response:** Designated vehicles are equipped for Swiftwater Rescue (SR) conditions. Trained personnel are available 24 hours a day, and additional team members may be on call. *Once availability is determined, contact YOUR fire dispatch agency with info.*

SR incidents within the County are likely.

### ALERT III

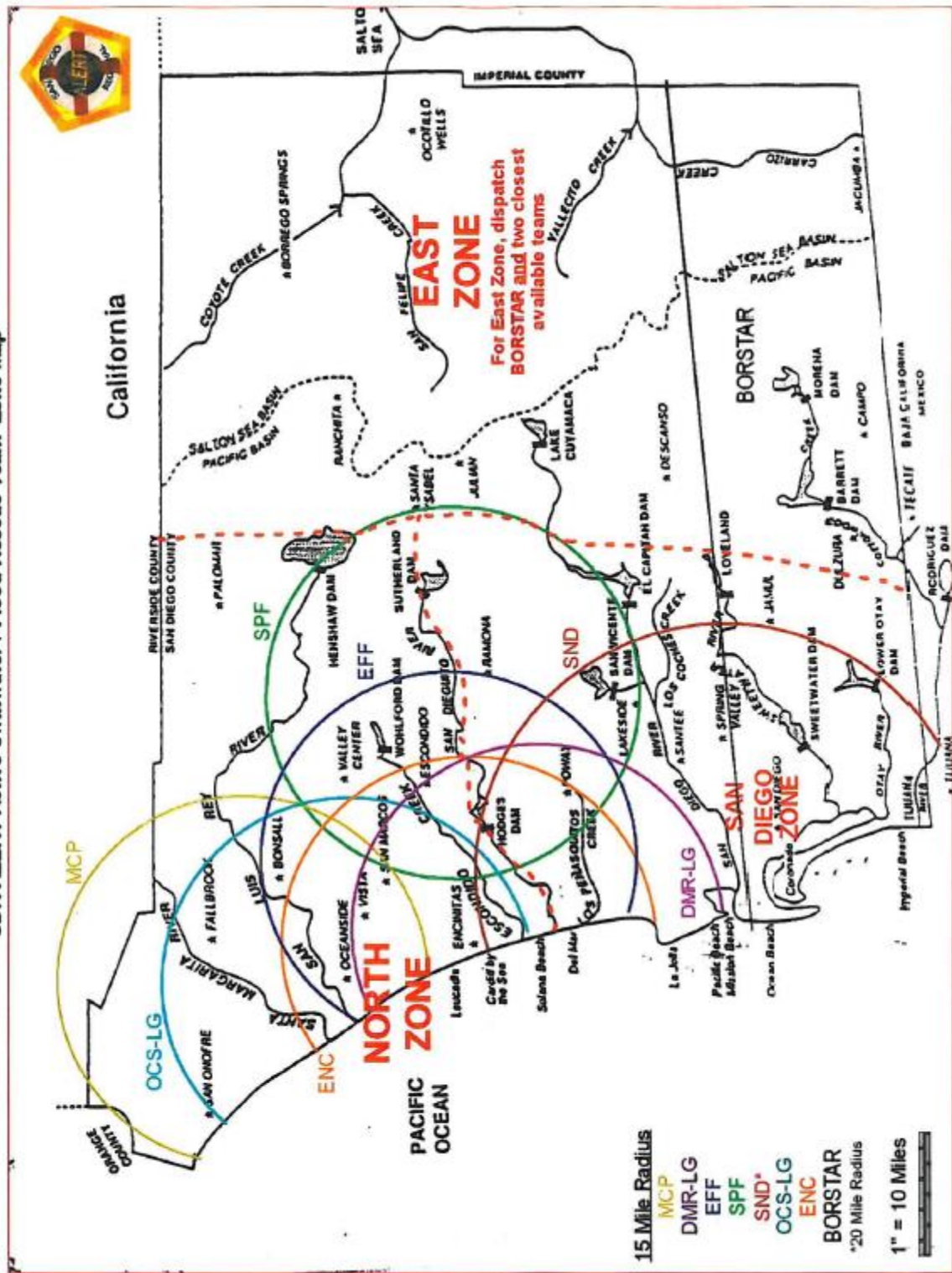
Heavy rain conditions are prevalent, and SR incidents within the County are imminent.

**Response:** All available SR trained members are assigned to equipment. All equipment is available for immediate response. In some cases, equipment and teams are strategically deployed in advance of an incident. *Once availability is determined, contact YOUR fire dispatch agency with info.*

NOTE: When a Dispatch Center is made aware of Swiftwater / Flood Rescue Teams at Alert II and Alert III levels, that agency shall then contact the Zone Coordinator and update the resource information. The Zone Coordinator shall then contact the Area Coordinator and update accordingly.

Existing conditions such as saturated ground or rivers near flood stage from previous rainfall will also be taken into consideration when determining Alert levels.

SDR ALERT Active Swiftwater / Flood Rescue Team Zone Map



## APPENDIX III: FIREFIGHTING HELICOPTER RESOURCES AVIATION ASSETS SAN DIEGO COUNTY

### Firefighting Helicopters

#### San Diego Sheriff's Department/CAL FIRE Helicopter Program

The San Diego County Sheriff's Department Fire/Life Safety Helicopter Program is capable of responding with two Type II firefighting and multi-mission-capable helicopters. These helicopters are known as County Copters 10 and 12 (Bell 205 A-1++). These helicopters are dedicated, local controlled regional resources and are available to all public safety agencies in San Diego County. At least one of these aircraft are staffed with a CAL FIRE Helitack Captain and Sheriff pilot year round, the second ship is also covered with a CAL FIRE Helitack Captain and Sheriffs Pilot during periods of increased fire danger, typically June through November as dictated by weather conditions.

The San Diego County Sheriff's Department also has five (5) Type III helicopters ([1] Bell 407 [4] MD 500's) assigned to the law enforcement program, that can also assist with firefighting missions when requested by CALFIRE and approved by the lieutenant of ASTREA. Approval by ASTREA is based on the availability of the Type III helicopters (maintenance), availability of a CALFIRE carded Sheriff's fire pilot, prior carding of the Sheriff's aircraft by CALFIRE, and current law enforcement missions etc.

During peak fire season one aircraft will be staffed with an eight person Helitack crew. Their goal is to rapidly contain hot spots ahead of the main ground attack while being supported by helicopter drops. The crew usually consists of a Helitack Captain acting as the crew leader with five to six firefighters.

When requested, the helicopters will provide an immediate initial attack response for wildland fires, air-supported emergency services, search and rescue missions, technical rescue operations and transportation and deployment of emergency service personnel and associated equipment within San Diego County currently during daylight hours only.



## AIRCRAFT FLEET



### Specifications:

Cruise Speed: 125 mph

Gallon  
Capacity: 360 plus  
324/bucket

### Manufacture

Bell Helicopters, Fort Worth, Texas

### Crew

Pilot, Co-pilot, and nine Firefighters

### Mission

The Bell 205 is the civilian version of the UH-1H that CAL FIRE uses for its helicopter fleet. Their missions are identical. In San Diego County, CAL FIRE jointly staffs a Bell 205-A1++ with the sheriff's department. The 205-A1++ has an improved rotor system and more powerful engine than the original 205. With seating for up to 9 passengers, this aircraft can be used for initial-attack fire missions as well as crew transport. A tank can be equipped on the belly of the aircraft that can hold 375 gallons.



#### Specifications:

Cruise Speed: 152 mph

Gallon  
Capacity: 180

#### Manufacturer

Bell Helicopter

#### Crew

Pilot

#### Bell 407

The Bell 407 is one the newest additions to the Jet Ranger family. The 407 is based on the older Bell 206L-3. The aircraft has some major modifications from older models including a four bladed main rotor system, increased engine performance and slightly expanded inside cabin area. Passenger seating is the same as the Bell Long Ranger, providing seating for a total of six passengers excluding the pilot. As with most light helicopters, they have the ability to take-off and land in relatively small areas.

The Bell 407 can be used for a variety of activities including aerial reconnaissance and aerial ignition. For wildland fire use, it is becoming the light helicopter of choice at many bases. The helicopter's increased speed, lifting capability and improved density altitude performance makes this helicopter ideal for wildland fire initial attack.

**Specifications:**

Cruise Speed: 144 mph

Gallon  
Capacity: 120

**Manufacturer**

Hughes Helicopters /  
McDonnell Douglas

**Crew**

Pilot

**MD 500D**

The 500D was originally manufactured by Hughes Helicopters, which is now owned by McDonnell Douglas Corporation. The civilian Model 500 is a direct descendent of the U.S. Army's OH-6A, originally designed as an observation helicopter during the Vietnam conflict. The egg shape design provided excellent crash survival characteristics. The 500 model is very maneuverable. They are used for a variety of activities such as aerial reconnaissance, aerial ignition, and wildland fire suppression.

There are several unique features of this aircraft. The engine exhaust pipe is directly under the tailboom. Seating in the 500D is extremely cramped. There are three seats in the back, but they can actually accommodate only two. Front seat passenger sits on the right side instead of the left.

## San Diego Fire-Rescue

The San Diego City Fire-Rescue Department Air Operations Section is capable of responding two Type II firefighting and multi-mission-capable helicopters from July through December and one Type II from January through June. These helicopters are known as City Copter 1 (Bell 212HP) and City Copter 2 (Bell 412EP). They are available for both day and night operations. These helicopters are a dedicated, locally controlled regional resource and are available to all public safety agencies in San Diego County.

When requested, the helicopter will provide an immediate initial attack response for wildland fires, air-supported ALS medical emergency services, search and rescue missions, advanced life support (ALS) patient transportation, technical rescue operations and transportation and deployment of emergency service personnel and associated equipment within San Diego County. Both aircraft are FAA approved for night-vision-goggle (NVG) operations.

### AIRCRAFT FLEET

#### Specifications:

Cruise Speed: 140 mph

Gallon  
Capacity: 360

#### Manufacturer

Bell Helicopter

#### Crew

Pilot and Co-pilot



#### Bell 412

The Bell 412 was developed in the late 1970s and is essentially a Bell 212 with a four bladed rotor system. It can perform slightly better than the 212 at higher altitudes. This aircraft can also carry passengers, cargo, and do long line work. Many local fire departments use the Bell 412 for fire suppression. The Bell 412 can have a large tank mounted on the bottom or can carry a bucket.

#### Bell 212

The Bell 212 was introduced by Bell Helicopter in 1968. The 212 aircraft is used for passenger transport and cargo movement, both internal and external. This aircraft has twin engines and two rotor blades. The 212 is one of the most popular Type 2 helicopter on the national call-when-needed helicopter contract. The Bell 212 is the civilian version of the UH-1N "Twin Huey". Many local fire departments use the Bell 212.



### United States Forest Service

The Cleveland National Forest is capable of responding one Type II Helicopter out of the Ramona Air Attack Base. This aircraft is known as Copter 538 and is under contract from June 1st until November 30th. When requested, the helicopters will provide an immediate initial attack response for wildland fires during daylight hours only. This aircraft is available on a National response basis and controlled by the United States Forest Service.

This aircraft will be staffed with an eight-person Helitack crew. Their goal is to rapidly contain hot spots ahead of the main ground attack while being supported by helicopter drops. The crew usually consists of a Helitack Captain acting as the crew leader with five to six Firefighters.

### AIRCRAFT FLEET

#### Specifications:

Cruise Speed: 115 mph

Gallon  
Capacity: 360



#### Manufacturer

Bell Helicopter

#### Crew

Pilot and Co-pilot

#### Bell 212

The Bell 212 was introduced by Bell Helicopter in 1968. The 212 aircraft is used for passenger transport and cargo movement, both internal and external. This aircraft has twin engines and two rotor blades. The 212 is one of the most popular Type 2 helicopter on the national call-when-needed helicopter contract. The Bell 212 is the civilian version of the UH-1N "Twin Huey". Many local fire departments use the Bell 212.

## CAL FIRE

The CAL FIRE San Diego Unit Aviation Program has the ability to respond two Type III Grumman S-2T Air tankers and one North American OV-10A Air Tactical aircraft. These aircraft are permanently stationed at the Ramona Interagency Air Attack Base. An equal number of aircraft are stationed in Hemet, California approximately 12 air miles north of the San Diego County line. The S2T is capable of dropping 1200 Gallons of Long Term fire retardant. The OV-10A is utilized as a command and control aircraft, coordinating the air space over an emergency incident.

ODEN Camera – CAL FIRE Air Asset designated Air Attack 330 utilizes the ODEN infrared video camera mounted to the underside of the plane. The camera has FLIR capability that allows it to peer through smoke. The heat sensing camera develops a sharp image of wildfire that shows the location of flames or hot spots. Streaming video link and a remote control allows fire managers on the ground to point the camera to direct water drops or assess the overall firefighting effort.

### AIRCRAFT FLEET



**OV-10A "Bronco"**  
Air Tactical Aircraft

#### Specifications:

Cruise Speed: 258 mph

Gallon  
Capacity: not applicable

#### Manufacturer

North American-Rockwell,  
Columbus, Ohio.

#### Crew

Pilot and Air Tactical Group  
Supervisor

#### Original Owner

U.S. Navy/Marines, 1968-1993. The OV-10A was used as a counter-insurgency (military intelligence) aircraft and close air-support to military ground forces.

#### Acquired by CAL FIRE

In 1993, CAL FIRE acquired 16 OV-10As from the Department of Defense. Fourteen of those have been converted and are available for use as air attack planes. The OV-10s replaced the original cessna O-2As that CAL FIRE had been using for air attack. The OV-10s are newer, larger, and faster, provide a larger field of vision for the crew and are more maneuverable than the older O-2As.

#### Mission

CAL FIRE uses OV-10As as aerial command and control of aircraft on wildland fires. The crew provides tactical coordination with the incident commander on the ground, providing information on the movement and spread of the fire. The OV-10A crew then directs CAL FIRE's airtanker and helicopter pilots where to make their retardant and water drops.



## Grumman S-2T

### Type III Airtanker



#### Specifications:

Cruise Speed: 305 mph

Gallon  
Capacity: 1,200

#### Manufacturer

Grumman Aerospace, Bethpage,  
New York

#### Crew

Pilot

#### Original Owner

U.S. Navy, 1954-1972. The S-2E/G was used as a carrier-based anti-submarine warfare airplane.

#### Acquired by CAL FIRE

In 1996, CAL FIRE acquired 26 S-2E/G planes from the Department of Defense. CAL FIRE had the aircraft converted for fire-fighting configuration and fitting them with modern, powerful turboprop engines. The completely reconditioned S-2Ts are faster, safer, and more maneuverable. They can carry a larger retardant payload than the older S-2A air tanker CAL FIRE utilized since the 1970's. The S-2T air tanker is part of CAL FIRE's air program modernization efforts that will result in the safest and most efficient mix of aircraft to carry out the fire fighting mission. CAL FIRE currently has 23 S-2Ts that are utilized state-wide.

#### Mission

CAL FIRE utilizes the S-2T air tankers for fast initial attack delivery of fire retardant on wildland fires.

## United States Navy

CAL FIRE and the United States Navy share an operational agreement that allows CAL FIRE San Diego Unit to access Navy resources during a time of local disaster. This agreement is part of the Federal Defense Support to Civilian Authorities or DSCA process. Both United States Navy and United State Marine Corp have signed operational agreements with CAL FIRE. CAL FIRE San Diego Operational Unit. The CAL FIRE San Diego Unit Chief in coordination with the County Fire/Rescue Coordinator has the ability to request assistance from the United States Navy Region Southwest.

## AIRCRAFT FLEET

### Navy UH-60 Seahawk

#### Specifications:

Cruise Speed: 183 mph

Gallon  
Capacity: 780/bucket

#### Manufacturer

Sikorsky Aircraft Corp

#### Crew

Pilot, Co-pilot and a Military Helicopter Manager



The UH-60 was originally designed for the U.S. Army in the 1970s as a light transport helicopter, air assault and a military medevac helicopter. The aircraft is a four bladed, twin engine helicopter. The popular UH-60 has a civilian version called a S-70 "Firehawk". Today CAL FIRE and other fire agencies train with members of the California and Nevada National Guard to use their aircraft as surge capacity during major wildfire events.

## United States Marine Corps

CAL FIRE and the United States Marine Corp share an operational agreement that allows CAL FIRE San Diego Unit to access USMC resources during a time of local disaster. This agreement is part of the Federal Defense Support to Civilian Authorities or DSCA process. Both United States Navy and United States Marine Corp have signed operational agreements with CAL FIRE. CAL FIRE San Diego Operational Unit. The CAL FIRE San Diego Unit Chief in coordination with the County Fire/Rescue Coordinator has the ability to request assistance from the United States Marine Corp Installations West or MCI West.

## AIRCRAFT FLEET

### Boeing CH-46 "Sea Knight"

Military Helicopter



#### Specifications:

Cruise Speed: 140 mph

Gallon  
Capacity: 224/bucket

#### Manufacturer

Boeing Company /  
Vertol Aircraft Company

#### Crew

Pilot , Co-pilot and  
a Military Helicopter Manager

### Boeing CH-46 "Sea Knight"

The Boeing CH-46, known as the "Sea Knight", is the military version of the Boeing-Vertol 107. The CH-46 was designed in the late 50s for the U.S. Marine Corps to be a medium-lift helicopter, and is primarily used to transport cargo. The aircraft is able to provide all-weather, day-or-night assault transport of combat troops, supplies and equipment. Assault Support is its primary function, and the movement of supplies and equipment is secondary. Additional tasks include combat support, search and rescue, support for forward refueling and rearming points. The CH-46 and the CH-47 are most recognizable by their tandem rotors.

## CH-53E "Super Stallion"

United States Marine Firefighting Aircraft



### Specifications:

Cruise Speed: 173 mph

Gallon  
Capacity: 2,000/bucket

### Manufacturer

Sikorsky Aircraft Corp.

### Crew

Pilot, Co-pilot and  
a Military Helicopter Manager

### Sikorsky CH-53E "Super Stallion" (Sikorsky S-80E)

The Sikorsky CH-53E, known as the Super Stallion, is the largest and heaviest helicopter used by the U.S. Marine Corps and Navy. It is one of the few helicopters in the world that uses three turbine engines and can be refueled in flight. The aircraft is used to transport personnel and equipment, and lift heavy loads. The CH-53E is capable of lifting 16 tons, transporting the load 50 miles and then returning. The aircraft is a shipboard helicopter configured especially for carrying cargo back and forth from military ships. The CH-53E is designated the model S-80 by Sikorsky. During major firestorms, the CH-53E can be used to augment CALFIRE's own air fleet for fire suppression.



## APPENDIX IV: RESCUE HELICOPTER RESOURCES

### Aerial Rescue Resources

Three agencies that have an Aerial Rescue capability in the San Diego Region:

- **San Diego Sheriff's Department/CAL FIRE** - When requested, the helicopters will provide an immediate air-supported emergency services, search and rescue missions, technical rescue operations and transportation and deployment of emergency service personnel and associated equipment within San Diego County during daylight hours only.
- **San Diego Fire-Rescue Department** - When requested, the helicopters provide an immediate initial attack response for wildland fires, air-supported ALS medical emergency services, search and rescue missions, technical rescue operations and transportation, ALS emergency medical transportation of patients and deployment of emergency service personnel and associated equipment within San Diego County. Both aircraft are FAA approved for night-vision-goggle (NVG) operations. Both aircraft have Advanced Life Support capabilities.
- **United States Coast Guard** - Has three MH-60T helicopters. They have surface search/weather radar. Aircraft have Forward Looking Infrared (FLIR) and a high powered searchlight. Aircraft are available for alert launch however their area of expertise is over water operations. If assistance is needed, especially at night over land. A thorough risk assessment will be done before accepting the mission. Mission acceptance is dependent upon current SAR missions being performed by available aircraft.

### SAN DIEGO FIRE-RESCUE

2 Type II Helicopter Hoist Capable (ALS) Day or Night



## SAN DIEGO SHERIFF/CAL FIRE

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1 Type II Helicopter Hoist Rescue Capable (BLS) Daytime Only



## UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

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Three Type I Helicopters. Hoist Rescue Capable (BLS) Day or Night. Land or over water rescue capable.





## APPENDIX V: COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAMS

Each CERT Team is uniquely trained by their host fire agency. To order these resources or obtain specific capability information, contact the sponsoring fire agency.

### CERT PROGRAM

1. Alpine
2. Borrego Springs
3. Carlsbad
4. Chula Vista
5. City of San Diego
6. Coronado
7. De Luz
8. Deer Springs
9. Del Mar
10. East County (Cities of El Cajon, Lemon Grove, La Mesa)
11. Elfin Forest/ Harmony Grove
12. Encinitas
13. Escondido
14. Imperial Beach
15. Inland Valley
16. Julian/ Cuyamaca
17. Lakeside
18. Mountain Empire
19. National City
20. North County
21. Oceanside
22. Palomar Mountain
23. Pine Valley
24. Poway
25. Ramona
26. Rancho Santa Fe
27. San Diego Rural
28. San Marcos
29. San Miguel
30. Santee
31. Solana Beach
32. Valley Center
33. Vista
34. Warner Springs

### SPONSORING FIRE AGENCY

Alpine FPD  
Borrego Springs FPD  
Carlsbad FD  
Chula Vista FD  
San Diego Fire-Rescue  
Coronado FD  
De Luz Heights VFD  
CAL FIRE  
Del Mar FD  
El Cajon FD – LEAD AGENCY  
Lemon Grove FD, Santee FD, La Mesa FD  
Elfin Forest/Harmony Grove VFD  
Encinitas FD  
Escondido FD  
Imperial Beach FD  
  
Julian-Cuyamaca FPD  
Lakeside FPD  
Campo Fire-Rescue  
National City FD  
North County FPD  
Oceanside FD  
Palomar Mountain VFD  
CAL FIRE  
Poway FD  
CAL FIRE  
Rancho Santa Fe FPD  
CAL FIRE  
San Marcos FPD  
San Miguel FPD  
Santee FD  
Solana Beach FD  
Valley Center FPD  
Vista FD  
CAL FIRE

## APPENDIX VI: TECHNICAL RESCUE RESOURCES

**The Technical Resources for Appendix VI will be added once collected.**

## APPENDIX VII: HAZARDOUS MATERIAL / DECON RESOURCES

### San Diego County Operational Area Hazardous Materials Area Plan

#### Introduction

The San Diego County OA Hazardous Materials Area Plan (Area Plan) describes the system currently in place in San Diego County for managing hazardous materials emergencies. The Area Plan has been prepared pursuant to Division 20 Chapter 6.95 (Section 25503) of the California Health and Safety Code and in accordance with Title 19 of the California Code of Regulations. All procedures described in this plan have been implemented to include Sections 2722-2728 CCR Title 19 and are noted on the Optional Model Reporting Form. The San Diego County Department of Environmental Health (DEH), Hazardous Materials Division (HMD) is the administering agency for the Area Plan and was assisted in its preparation by the San Diego County Office of Emergency Services (OES) and the City of San Diego Fire-Rescue Department (SDFD). In addition, the US Marine Corp Camp Pendleton's (MCCP) Hazmat team is a Type 1 Hazmat response asset within California. MCCP's team has responded off base under a signed MOU since 2007 in order to gain needed training in hazmat responses to incidents north of the Hwy 56, if they are not otherwise committed on their base. These responses are performed at no cost to the HIRT team or to the requesting agency.

The activities carried out by the HMD, Hazardous Materials Incident Response Team (HIRT), and OES to effectively manage hazardous materials emergencies are coordinated, in part, through the Area Plan. This document also references information covering hazardous substance inventories and emergency response spill planning received from regulated businesses, community groups and the U.S. Coast Guard which also are integrated into this Area Plan and the Unified San Diego County Emergency Services Organization OA EOP.

The Area Plan is designed to integrate the operational activities of San Diego County's Emergency Services Organization, Hazardous Incident Response Team (HIRT) into the on-scene operational procedures for the local, State or Federal agency who have primary responsibility for a hazardous chemical emergency in the jurisdiction.

#### The Hazardous Materials Division

The San Diego County Hazardous Materials Division (HMD) is the administering agency for the California Health and Safety Code (HSC) Chapter 6.95, hazardous materials release response plans and inventory, and the California Code of Regulations, Title 19. As the Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA), the HMD has overall responsibility for the Business Plan Program, the Risk Management Plan Program, the Area Plan, and Community-Right-to-Know and Chemical Emergency Response Services. As the sole CUPA (effective July 1, 1996) in San Diego county, the HMD is also the lead regulatory agency in the county for conducting inspection

activities related to hazardous waste generators (HSC Chapters 6.5), hazardous and acutely hazardous materials users, (HSC Chapter 6.95, Articles 1 & 2), underground storage of hazardous materials (HSC Chapter 6.7), and medical waste generators (HSC Chapter 6.1).

The HMD was created in 1981 to provide a regional program to regulate the use and disposal of hazardous materials and waste. The HMD has grown from a single-person unit in 1981 to a program which now has approximately 50 professional staff. In the fiscal year 2005-06, the HMD inspected approximately 13,000 facilities required to San Diego County OA 1 March 2007 Hazardous Materials Area Plan comply with one or more of six CUPA program elements.

### **Industry Compliance Program**

The HMD Industry Compliance Program enforces the California Health and Safety Code (HSC) Chapters 6.1 (Medical Waste Management), 6.5 (Hazardous Waste Generators),

6.7 (Underground Storage of Hazardous Substances), and 6.95 (Business Plans).

In 1989, the San Diego County Board of Supervisors adopted an ordinance establishing a medical waste management program-the first program of its kind in California. Currently the HMD conducts inspections of medical waste generators and requires the generators to prepare a Medical Waste Management Plan.

The HMD also provides hazardous materials emergency response services in a coordinated effort with the SDFD. These activities are conducted countywide under a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA), of which the cities in San Diego County are a part.

The HMD enforcement of HSC Chapter 6.95 (CCR Title 19) requires a permit for the following activities:

- Storage of hazardous materials in quantities greater than or equal to 55 gallons, 500 pounds, or 200 cubic feet.
- Construction or modification of a facility which will store the above quantities of hazardous materials.
- Storage of specified quantities of Acutely Hazardous Materials above Threshold Planning Quantities.

The HMD Industry Compliance Program also incorporates the requirements of California Health and Safety Code, Section 25503(e)(1). As part of the Program, staff will regularly inspect permitted businesses and gather information regarding inventory, emergency response and employee training.

### **Data Management System**

Effective January 1, 2013 all CUPA regulated businesses are required by law (Assembly Bill 2286) to submit business information electronically through the California Environmental Reporting System (CERS). The HMD has developed a

computer system (Accela) to manage this data submitted by businesses and collected during on-site waste generator and/or community right-to-know inspections of permitted businesses. This data management system is used to store business-specific information, such as hazardous materials inventory, waste generation information, underground hazard materials storage and site maps. The system also stores emergency contact information, generates inspection records, notices of violation, billing and fees, and compiles information for various reports.

Reports include the First Responder Hazardous Materials Business Plan (FRHMBP), which are specialized summaries of hazardous materials inventories of all businesses that contain hazardous materials. The FRHMBP is designed to easily keep responding OA personnel aware of the chemical hazards within businesses in their jurisdiction. It also serves as an aid in conducting informed hazard and risk analysis during chemical emergencies.

FRHMBP reports and electronic information in the form of a comprehensive secure database on a CD are provided to all fire agencies in the region, and updated Electronic versions are kept at HMD headquarters and on each HIRT vehicle. Emergency response personnel on the HIRT vehicles are able to access additional information using onboard computers and cellular modems.

The HMD's Data Management System also generates monthly reports for fire agencies throughout San Diego County. These reports include business and inventory data on a CDROM format. Reports are also available to fire departments upon request. Limited, non-confidential data concerning businesses are also available on the DEH website.

In addition to the existing DEH-HMD data management system, the department is developing a Local Area Network (LAN) based software package supported by a Graphic Information System (GIS) for accessing and managing all CUPA required data collection and reporting information. When implemented up-to-date hazardous materials storage, handling and emergency response information will be accessible to stakeholders and fire agencies from a desktop computer or available on line 24 hours per day. DEH hopes to have the system operational sometime in 2015.

One component of the GIS data set will include the Consequences Assessment Tool Set (CATS) provided by Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC). CATS software assesses the consequences of technological and natural disasters to population, resources, and infrastructure. It is a user-friendly software package for the PC which combines state-of-the-art hazard and consequence prediction, digital, and GIS information within an easy-to-use Graphical Interface, and is available on HIRT vehicles for use during chemical emergencies.

In addition to the current hazardous materials storage and handling inventory information maintained by DEH-HMD for first responders, a duplicate of that data is routinely provided to the San Diego County Regional Poison Center on CD-ROM. This information is available upon request 24 hours per day for use by emergency response and medical personnel.

Additionally, DEH and the Poison Control Center have access to several on-line databases (i.e. Genium MSDS collection, the NIOSH pocket guide, CAMEO, etc.) that provides them with critical information covering the physical, chemical and biological hazards and risk characteristics of hazardous materials used by businesses in the county thereby enabling them to make quick and informed risk assessments during hazardous materials incidents.

The business-specific inventory information collected by the HMD is also used to identify those facilities that handle hazardous substances which HMD is the local agency responsible for implementing the CalARP Program in San Diego County. The goal of the CalARP Program is to reduce the likelihood and severity of consequences of extremely hazardous materials releases. Examples of extremely hazardous materials (Regulated Substances) include toxic gases such as chlorine, ammonia, sulfur dioxide and other toxic materials. The HMD coordinates with facilities that handle extremely hazardous materials to evaluate the risks of covered processes and require-appropriate Risk Management Programs (RMP) at these facilities. A successful RMP includes all of the following elements:

- Worst-case release scenario with community effects
- Hazard Assessment for Regulated Substances and the processes where these substances are used
- Accidental release prevention program
- Equipment, procedures and training to prevent releases and mitigate releases
- Comprehensive emergency response plan

Currently, approximately 120 businesses in the county are preparing RMPs following State and Federal requirements.

### **The Unified San Diego County Hazardous Materials Incident Response Team**

The Department of Environmental Health, Hazardous Materials Division has been the State designated enforcement authority for hazardous waste management in San Diego County since 1981. Emergencies resulting from releases of hazardous materials occur throughout the county. These emergencies include illegal abandonment or disposal of hazardous wastes, industrial manufacturing and transportation accidents, clandestine drug lab activities, chemical explosions and hoaxes involving hazardous materials and biological agents.

Recognizing the need to protect the public health from chemical release emergencies, the County of San Diego Board of Supervisors directed staff to amend the Unified San Diego County Emergency Services Agreement to establish and implement the Hazardous Incident Response Program (February 11, 1986). Unanimously approved by all incorporated cities and the county, the Unified Disaster Council (UDC) became the governing body of the program whose daily operation is administered by the Office of Emergency Services (OES). The HIRT Program is funded through a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) of the UDC with contributions from



each incorporated City and the County. The funding formula is based on property-assessed values, populations and the number of incident responses occurring in each jurisdiction. The Unified Contract No. 13-002-HM for the HIRT program was renewed July 2013 through June 30, 2015 with optional four year additional two year periods through June 30, 2023. The program budget is \$933,741 yearly for the first two years. The total program budget for FY 05/06 and FY 06/07 is \$1,490,494. Program costs are reduced by revenue from responsible party cost recovery, interest on the HIRT Trust Fund, and contributions from the United States Marine Corps on MCAS Miramar, Campo and Pala Indian Reservations.

The single-source contract with the JPA calls for hazardous materials emergency response to be provided countywide through the joint efforts of the San Diego Fire-Rescue Department (SDFD) HAZMAT Team and the San Diego County Hazardous Materials Division (HMD) HAZMAT Team. Each of these agencies has highly trained teams with many years experience in responding to hazardous materials emergencies.

The SDFD HIRT is responsible for mitigating, containing and/or controlling the release, effecting rescues and other related tasks. The DEH HIRT is responsible for assessing the risk to public health and safety and the environment, taking the necessary steps to mitigate these hazards, ensuring adequate cleanup of the area and conducting necessary enforcement activities. HIRT provides advice and technical support to the first responder but does not assume scene management responsibilities. The first responder or appropriate agency maintains full control and authority over the incident and retains responsibility for release of public information concerning the incident. Complete descriptions of background information, the purpose and objectives of HIRT, the legal authority and the mutual aid agreements that allow its continued operation are discussed in the Unified San Diego County Emergency Services Organization HIRT Program description (Section D).

Historically, the joint team has responded to over 11,000 incidents in the past 26 years. Services include establishing and working under the Incident Command System, assisting with coordination and notification of Local, State, Federal, Mutual and Automatic Aid agencies. Assisting Incident Commanders with Hazardous Materials Incident Action Planning, Site Safety and Medical Planning, Risk Assessment, Resources Development, Mitigation, Containment, and Control. Additionally, team members provide product identification, neutralization, and limited cleanup of small spills. The Hazardous Materials Incident Response Team (HIRT) also conducts Public Health and Safety evaluations, make recommendations regarding evacuations and perform assessments on the environmental impact during the emergency phase of all Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and Explosive (CBRNE) emergencies.

20 plus years of operation, the HIRT has responded to approximately 8000 chemical emergencies. Generally, 50% of the chemical emergencies occur in the City of San Diego, with 20% in the unincorporated areas of the county and the remaining 30% in the other cities. San Diego County Operational Area 5 March 2007 Hazardous Materials Area Plan

## APPENDIX VIII: OTHER RESOURCES

### San Diego Urban Area Resource Directory

Over the last decade, the San Diego Urban Area has invested millions of dollars to build, enhance and sustain their capacity to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, and recover from acts of terrorism.

This enhancement to the capabilities has included the development of specialized resources such as equipment, teams and incident management personnel. In an effort to identify the level of capability of these resources, a database of resources which match standards under the National Incident Management System (NIMS) Resource Typing program has been created.

The resource inventory list exists in several formats. A single database solution has been identified that will be viewable by key personnel across the region. Additionally, the information is available in a variety of electronic formats for exporting and importing. Utilizing this data, a variety of reports are available to summarize and list the resources. The information will primarily serve emergency managers, emergency communications centers and public safety officials.

## APPENDIX IX: OPERATIONAL AREA RESOURCE SUMMARY

Resource Summary							
Resource Definition	Type 1	Type 2	Type 3	Type 4	Type 5	Type 6	Local
Aerial Lift Truck Mounted			1	3			
Air Ambulance (Rotary Wing)	4						
Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting	3	2					
Ambulance Strike Team		1		1			
Ambulances (Ground)		67		2			
Animal Protection: Large Animal Sheltering Team	1	1					
Animal Protection: Small Animal Rescue Strike Team	2						
Animal Protection: Small Animal Transport Team			1				
Animal Protection: Large Animal Rescue Strike Team	2						
Animal Protection: Large Animal Transport Team	2						
Animal Protection: Small Animal Sheltering Team	1						
Armored Personnel Carrier							11
Bomb Squad/Explosives Teams	1	1					
Breathing Support	2						
Brush Patrol, Firefighting (Type VI Engine)						4	
Camera Surveillance							2
Canine Search Rescue Team Avalanche Snow Air Scent	1						
Canine Search Rescue Team Disaster Response	6						
Canine Search Rescue Team Land Cadaver Air Scent	1						

Resource Summary							
Resource Definition	Type 1	Type 2	Type 3	Type 4	Type 5	Type 6	Local
Canine Search Rescue Team Wilderness Tracking/Trailing	1						
Collapse Search Rescue Teams	3	2	7	9			
Concrete Cutter/Multi-Processor for Hydraulix Excavator							1
Confined Space Entry Team							2
Cranes, All Terrain & Rough Terrain	2						
Cranes, Crawler (Lattice)	2						
Crisis Negotiation Team							8
Debris Management Site Reduction Team	1						
Decontamination Unit							4
Disaster Mortuary Operational Response Team (DMORT)	1						
Donations Coordinator			3				
Dump Trailer	1	1					
Dump Truck-On Road		6	9	10			
Electronic Message Board	5		2				
Elevated Platform and Camera Surveillance							7
Emergency Critical Care Team	1						
Emergency Medical Task Force	2						
Engine, Fire (Pumper)	291	21	176	11			
EOC Finance/Administration Section Chief/Coordinator	2		3	1			
EOC Management Support Team	1		3	1			
EOC Operations Section Chief	2	2					

Resource Summary							
Resource Definition	Type 1	Type 2	Type 3	Type 4	Type 5	Type 6	Local
EOC Planning Section Chief	2		4				
Equipment Tag Trailer	4	3	1				
Fire Boat		8					
Fire Truck Aerial (Ladder or Platform)	40						
Flat Bed Trailer Truck	2	3					
Foam Tender, Firefighting	1						
Fuel Tender	2						
Fuel Tender (Gasoline, Diesel, AvGas, aka Gas Tanker)	1						
Generators	2	2	6		2		6
Grader		1	3				
Hand Crew	3						
Hazmat Entry Team	3						
Helicopters, Firefighting	6	2					
Hydraulic Excavator (Medium Mass Excavation 4 cy to 1.75 cy buckets)	2	1		2			
Hydraulic Truck Cranes			1				1
Incident Management Teams			1				
Incident Support Unit							6
Incident Support Utility Vehicle							1
Individual Assistance Disaster Assessment Team Leader							1
Law Enforcement Aviation-Helicopters (Patrol and Surveillance)	4						
Light and Air Unit	4						
Lighting Air and Rehabilitation Unit	1						

Resource Summary							
Resource Definition	Type 1	Type 2	Type 3	Type 4	Type 5	Type 6	Local
Lighting Unit							3
Long Range Acoustical Unit							2
Mapping Unit							1
Mass Care and Shelter							1
Mass Casualty Support Vehicle	6						
Mobile Communications Center	4	11	5	1			
Mobile Communications Unit (Law/Fire)		1					
Mobile Feeding Kitchen	1						
Mobile Field Force law Enforcement (Crowd Control Teams)	2	1	5	1			
Mobile Field Medical Team	1						
Mountain Search and Rescue Team	1						
Plow Truck	1	1	1	1			
Portable Pump							1
Preventative Radiological and Nuclear Detection							1
Public Assistance Coordinator							1
Public Health Ancillary Support Team	1						
Public Health and Medical Team in a Shelter	1						
Public Health Environmental Health	1						
Public Health Epidemiology	1						
Public Health Isolation and Quarantine	1						
Public Health Mass Dispensing	1						
Public Health Receiving Staging Storing	1						



Resource Summary							
Resource Definition	Type 1	Type 2	Type 3	Type 4	Type 5	Type 6	Local
Public Safety Dive Team	2	3	2				
Rescue Incident Support Trailer		1					1
Road Sweeper	1		6				
Sewer Flusher Truck	1	3	2				
Shelter Equipment							1
Shelter Management Team	1		3				
Skid Steer Wheel loader	1		5				
Small Equipment Trailer	2	1	1	1			
SWAT/Tactical Teams	2	3	3	1			
Swiftwater Flood Search Rescue Team	2	1					
Track Dozer	3	1	2				
Tractor Trailer	1		1				
Traffic Enforcement Incident Support Trailer							1
Trailer, Equipment Tag Trailer			2				
Trailer, Flat Bed Truck		1					
Trailer, Gooseneck Tractor	2						
Trailer, Small Equipment		3					
Trailer, Vacuum							1
Trench Shoring Trailer							1
Truck, On Road, Dump	2	4	9	3			
Truck, Sewer Flusher			2				
Urban Search Rescue Task Forces	1						
Utility Vehicle		1	3	5			3
Volunteer Agency Liaison			3				1
Water Craft							4

Resource Summary							
Resource Definition	Type 1	Type 2	Type 3	Type 4	Type 5	Type 6	Local
Water Pumps, De-watering			1				
Water Pumps, Wastewater				1			1
Water Tender, Firefighting (Tanker)	44	14					
Water Truck	5		3				1
Wheel Loader				1			
Wheel Loader Backhoe	6	5	5	7			2
Wheel Loader, Skid, Steer, Small	2	1					
Wheel Loaders (Large 41 cy to 8 cy)		1					
Wheel Loaders (Medium 7 cy to 3 cy)		1	1	2			
Wheel Loaders (Small 7 cy to 2 cy)	5	5	7	1			
Wheel Loaders Small (7 cy to 2 cy)		1					
Wheel Loaders Medium 7 cy to 3 cy			1				
Wilderness Search Rescue Team	1						
Wood Chipper			1				

## APPENDIX X: SAN DIEGO COUNTY XSD-OPERATIONAL AREA SIGNIFICANT EVENT CONFERENCE CALL

### Agenda

#### Roll Call:

1. North Zone
2. East Zone
3. Metro Zone
4. Central Zone
5. Invited Guests
  - a. County OES
  - b. SDSD
  - c. Other

#### Operational Area Briefing:

1. Weather
2. Situation Report
3. Significant issues:

Each Zone to Report:

- ☐ Confirm the name of the Zone Coordinator and contact info.
- ☐ Extended resource commitments in the zone
- ☐ Resource availability to the OA
- ☐ Any contingency plans for additional staffing

OA Coordinator:

- ☐ Open items
- ☐ Next conference call

**END**